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II. The improvement in a barrier or an apparatus, comprising a U-shaped channel in railings and flange segments of posts (Fig 4.) extending at 45-90 degrees to each other.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Restriction for examination purposes is required, and the response to this requirement must include an identification of the species provisionally elected consonant with this requirement and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Figures 1-3, with traverse.

Claims 1-24 are included in Group 1.

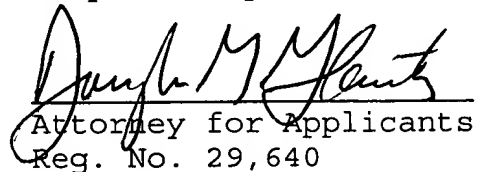
Applicants now provide the following response in traverse of to the written restriction requirement mailed March 21, 2003.

Claims 1, 8, and 18 are admittedly generic and as such may be examined for Group 1 or Group 2 and not impose an undue burden on the Examination procedure for the instant application as claimed.

For the foregoing reasons, the particular requirement for restriction is believed to be inappropriate and is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Reconsideration of this Application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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